

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-23 are active. The Abstract has been amended to be a single paragraph.

New claims 10-23 find support in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

Restriction

The Applicants thank Examiner Li for withdrawing the prior Restriction Requirement.

Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”)

The Applicants thank Examiner Li for indicating in a telephone conversation on March 25, 2008 that non-initialed Greenberg document “AW” cited on the information disclosure statement of November 30, 2005 would be considered. An information disclosure statement was filed on April 8, 2008 along with an English translation of JP 2003-095349 (the foreign priority document for this application) and a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0073006 A1. The Applicants respectfully request formal written acknowledgement of the consideration of the above documents.

Foreign Priority

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge their claim for foreign priority. A certified English translation of priority document Japan 2003-95349 was filed on April 8, 2008.

Objection—Claims

Claims 4 and 6-9 were objected to as being in improper form. This objection is moot in view of the amendments above.

Rejections—35 U.S.C. 102

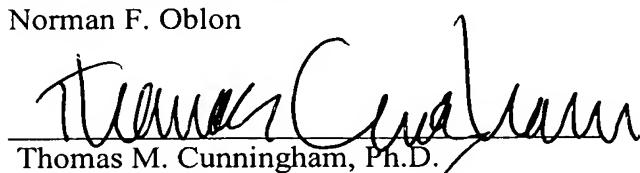
Tobias, et al. (1982), GIBCO (2000-2001), Hibi (1985), Holdsworth (1987), Bicova, et al. (1999), Larm, et al. (1991) and Hill, et al. (2002) were each applied to reject at least one of claims 1-5. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims and would not apply to the new claims which require a combination of an alkaline buffer having a pH of 9.0 to 10.0; and an anti-Norovirus antibody or an anti-Sapovirus antibody; wherein said composition has a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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